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NOTICE AND CALL OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL

The Trinidad City Council will hold a regular meeting on
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020, at 6:00 PM
In the Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity Street, Trinidad, CA

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA WEBEX VIDEOCONFERENCE

In accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 this meeting will be held via videoconference, and will be hosted on the **Cisco Webex Platform**. Learn more about Webex here: <https://www.webex.com/>

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment may be submitted via email in advance of the meeting, or in an orderly process during the conference. If you do not have access to email and you would like to provide a written statement, please deliver your comment to 409 Trinity Street, Trinidad CA, by 2:00pm, **Thursday, May 21, 2020**.

Email public comments to cityclerk@trinidad.ca.gov Your comments will be included in the public record for the meeting, and will be accepted at any time during the meeting.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: The City will publish a direct link to the conference, along with the participant code, on the City Calendar page online at <http://trinidad.ca.gov/calendar>

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- IV. **ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

At this time, members of the public may comment on items NOT appearing on the agenda. Individual comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less. Comments should be directed to the Council as a whole and not to individual Council Members or staff. Council and staff responses will be minimal for non-agenda items.

- V. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 1. Stormwater Project Update

- IX. **DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA ITEMS**
 - 1. Discussion/Decision regarding Resolution 2020-07: Acknowledging the Public Service of Bryan Buckman.
 - 2. Discussion/Decision regarding 3-Month Contract Extension for Law Enforcement Services, Second Amendment, with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office.
 - 3. Discussion/Decision regarding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Trinidad Rancheria on Engaging in a Series of Conversations regarding City Water for their Hotel Project.

- VI. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- VII. **ADJOURNMENT**



CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 1

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED

1. Stormwater Project Update

Staff Report

Date: May 14, 2020

Item: STORM WATER PROJECT UPDATE

Summary:

The Storm Water Project had been scheduled to go out to bid in May this year leading to construction of improvements to the storm water system this summer. At the May 12 meeting, the Council was notified that there would be a Stormwater Discussion Agenda Item at the May 21 Special Council meeting. Because not all permit approvals and agreements are in place, the City staff will request a Time Extension from the funding agency (State Water Resources Control Board). The City will propose going out to bid in early 2021 with construction scheduled for summer 2021.

As part of the City's Storm Water Project to eliminate storm water discharge into the Trinidad Bay, the City will remove the stormwater outfall at Launcher Beach. This work needs Coastal Commission approval of a Coastal Development Permit (CDP). The Coastal Commission has requested that the Trinidad Rancheria's Storm Water Project that also includes work at Launcher Beach be included in the same Coastal Development Permit Application. CDP Application submission to the Coastal Commission is pending coordination with the Rancheria regarding details of their project component and completion of the City approval process.

Staff will provide another Project update at the regular June 9 Council Meeting.

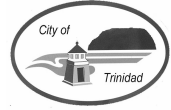
Staff Recommendation: Accept this staff report. No action is needed.



DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM 1

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED

1. Discussion/Decision regarding Resolution 2020-07; Acknowledging the Public Service of Bryan Buckman.



RESOLUTION 2020-07

ACKNOWLEDGING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF BRYAN BUCKMAN

WHEREAS, Bryan Buckman has been employed by the City for nearly 20 years; and

WHEREAS, starting as a maintenance worker for the Public Works Department, Bryan obtained his water treatment certifications and in 2008 became the Public Works Director and Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator; and

WHEREAS, working closely with late Public Works Director Noel Ponniah, Bryan gained the institutional knowledge required to operate an aging water system and manage uncharted City infrastructure. He participated in numerous treatment plant upgrades, and handled the transition from analog to electronic with patience and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, his response to water system alerts and emergencies at all hours of the day, 24/7, made him a reliable asset to the City. He further demonstrated his civic commitment while serving on the Volunteer Fire Department for 5-years beginning in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Buckman handled political turbulence with ease, and kept his cool during many challenging times in recent City history including the Wagner Street Trail lawsuit, the 2005 New Year's Eve Storm, the Tsunami of 2011, Stormwater Infrastructure Construction, the Pier Reconstruction project, Development of Saunders Park, the Trinidad Gateway and Safe Routes to School projects,

WHEREAS, Buckman was familiar with complicated systems, and a master at keeping costs to a minimum. There was very little he couldn't repair with duct tape, a shovel, and a few zip ties; and

WHEREAS, his cool demeanor and sense of humor helped build comradery with all his co-workers and put frequent stressful situations in perspective; and

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, THAT the City of Trinidad thanks Bryan Buckman for his years of whole-hearted and dedicated service to the citizens of Trinidad, to the future well-being of the community, and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AND ADOPTED BY THE TRINIDAD CITY COUNCIL of Humboldt County of the State of California this 21st day of May, 2020.

Attest:

Gabriel Adams
Trinidad City Clerk

Steve Ladwig
Mayor



DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM 2

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED

2. Discussion/Decision regarding 3-Month Contract Extension for Law Enforcement Services, Second Amendment, with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

Trinidad City Contract

Second Amendment to Agreement to Provide Law Enforcement Services Within the City of Trinidad

This Second Amendment to Agreement to Provide Law Enforcement Services Within the City of Trinidad is entered into as of as of the date the document is signed by the last signatory by and between the County of Humboldt, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter called "COUNTY"), and the City of Trinidad, a municipal corporation in the County of Humboldt (hereinafter called "CITY"), collectively referred to as "parties," and is made upon the following considerations.

WHEREAS, the parties desire to amend certain provisions of the Agreement to Provide Law Enforcement Services (hereinafter called "Agreement") within the City of Trinidad dated July 1, 2017, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement provides for an extended term of one year as agreed to by the legislative bodies of the parties to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, due to the state of emergency resulting from the COVID-19 crisis, the parties mutually desire to extend the term of the Agreement for ninety (90) days to give the parties time to negotiate.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties mutually agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

1. The Term of Agreement is extended from June 30, 2020 to September 30, 2020.
2. Except as modified herein, the Agreement, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE: Each person executing this Agreement represents and warrants that he or she is duly authorized and has legal authority to execute and deliver this Agreement. Each party represents and warrants to the other that the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the performance of such party's obligations hereunder have been duly authorized.

ATTEST:

By: _____
Trinidad City Clerk

By: _____
Humboldt County Sheriff

Approved as to Content and Recommended:

By: _____
City Manager, City of Trinidad

By: _____
Mayor, City of Trinidad

Approved as to Form:

By: _____
City Attorney, City of Trinidad



DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM 3

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED

3. Discussion/Decision regarding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Trinidad Rancheria on Engaging in a Series of Conversations regarding City Water for their Hotel Project.

The City received a letter from the Trinidad Rancheria shortly after the May 13 government-to-government meeting. It seems as if the Rancheria is now halting cooperation on all matters with the City until a decision is made on the hotel project, including the Stormwater project to be completed in the harbor parking lot.

To keep the process from stalling entirely, Mayor Steve Ladwig, Mayor Pro-Tem Jack West, and City Manager Eli Naffah agreed to begin a conversation with the Rancheria on what each party is willing to consider for the water decision. This includes, but is not limited to:

- What are the terms of water delivery?
- What happens in drought years when water restrictions are required?
- What improvements to the water plant is the Rancheria willing to provide?

City Council is responsible for making informed decisions by considering all aspects of an issue. It also has the responsibility of keeping business moving in a productive and respectful manner, to the best of their abilities.

The Rancheria has been informed that the final decision rests with the entire Council and is based on facts generated by the water studies, the needs of the City, and all members of the greater Trinidad community. It also has been noted that the City remains committed to the partnership established by working together on projects of mutual benefit, such as the Stormwater Project.

A draft MOU has been prepared to present to the Council on Thursday that outlines what that conversation would look like for the City. The only desired outcome of the MOU and the conversation with the Rancheria is to bring several options forward to the City and the greater Trinidad community for discussion and decision regarding the Rancheria's request for water in open session at future meetings.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE CITY OF TRINIDAD
AND THE TRINIDAD RANCHERIA

1. The City of Trinidad agrees to engage in a conversation with the Trinidad Rancheria regarding their request to provide City water for their proposed hotel project.
2. The City will use data from the series of water studies completed in 2019 by the City's engineering firm, GHD.
3. The Rancheria will use data gathered from a number of sources and studies relating to demand for the project and supply from their wells, etc.
4. The Rancheria will address the use of grant funds from Indian Health Services among others, to assist with improvements to the City's water system and infrastructure.
5. The City will determine conditions necessary to provide water, and address conditions when water is unable to be provided due to drought and other unforeseen changes to water supply.
6. The end result is to arrive at a range of proposals and scenarios relative to the potential feasibility of providing water to the Rancheria's hotel project.
7. No decision will be made regarding providing water, but rather the scope of the request, limitations, conditions, etc. will be addressed in order to provide a complete perspective for future City Council and Tribal Council actions.
8. Only the entire Trinidad City Council can agree to a binding contract on behalf of the City.